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Tips For A Top Turkey

Sandra Coffey - County Agent

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tender, juicy turkey. The best and safest way to thaw a turkey is in its wrapper in the refrigerator. However, it may be thawed in the wrapper under continuous cool running water (keep the water cool). Consult the label for thawing times. When completely thawed, remove wrapping. Remove neck and giblets from cavity; refrigerate until needed for stuffing or gravy. Plan on 1/2 cup stuffing per pound for turkeys under 10 pounds; 3/4 cup per pound for tur-

keys over 10 pounds. Turkeys should be roasted and unstuffed. Lift turkey onto the oven rack in an open pan, about 2 inches deep. Spread oil or melted shortening lightly over the skin to prevent it from drying out and cracking during roasting. Further basting won't keep the bird moist because hand basting only penetrates 1/8 inch deep. Insert a meat thermometer into the thickest part of the thigh, next to the body, not touching the bone. Roast at 325°F. Consult the roast-

ing chart on the wrapper for the approximate roasting time. A 16-pound turkey will be done in about 4 hours. When light golden brown, place a lightweight foil tent loosely over the breast to prevent over-browning. Your turkey is done when: internal thigh temperature reaches 180°-185°F, on the meat thermometer; thigh skin is pricked and juices run clear and are no longer pink; and thigh meat feels soft when pinched (protect your fingers with a paper towel).



Pictured above is Mr. James Harris, 80 year old local gardener and his 11 pound sweet potato. Mr. Harris has been gardening all his life and this is the largest sweet potato he has ever grown. His main tips for gardening are to keep it clean and work it at the right time. He has had a perfect life for eighty years, born in New Brockton in 1912, he has lived there all his life. Mr. Harris and his wife, Queen (Young), have 6 children, 3 boys and 3 girls. If you've never seen a sweet potato this large, stop by and see Mr. Harris. You will certainly enjoy visiting with him. Better hurry though, because sooner or later that sweet potato will be made into a pie.

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Elba City Council's Monday meeting ends with fireworks

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba City Council meeting Monday night ended with fireworks. After handling several routine matters, forward progress of the meeting hit a road block when Mayor Ricky Haywood asked Attorney Bill Stokes to read a veto message.

The message titled, "Veto Message from the Mayor of the City of Elba, Alabama read in part:

"Comes now Ricky Haywood, Mayor of the City of Elba, Alabama and do hereby notify all of the members of the City Council of the City of Elba, Alabama, that I have vetoed

"Mayor had authority to hire personal secretary... where city council did not take steps to claim exclusive authority to hire city employees..."

The Resolution heretofore passed by this Council, on November 18th, 1993, with reference to the hiring and termination of employment of various City Employees."

The veto was referring to ordinance #1993-A passed two weeks ago by the city council. It was designed to give the city council final approval over hiring of all permanent employees. The ordinance was approved by all five council members. Haywood opposed the ordinance and refused to sign it for publication in *The Elba Clipper*. Council members determined the signature wasn't necessary and the ordinance was published as required

to become law. The balance of the veto message used seven paragraphs of legal terms to say the ordinance violated Sections 11-43-81 and 11-45 of the Code of Alabama.

In later conversation, Stokes referred to a court case where a city council was required to pay the salary of a mayor's private secretary. Reading all of that ruling finds this in Paragraph 4:

"Mayor had authority to hire personal secretary... where city council did not take steps to claim exclusive authority to hire city employees..."

meeting and could make the same motion again and he had the same option to fire them.

When asked by council members where this was leading and would he fire them again in the morning if the council voted to reinstate again, the mayor said, "It won't be in the morning. I am tired of writing letters. I am going to fire them again tonight."

Waylon Adkinson addressed the Mayor and said "In other words Mayor, you are saying to hell with the council." The mayor denied that was what he was saying. Adkinson continued with, "I have sat here and listened to all this and I am sick of it. I am concerned about our town and I am concerned about my business. Something has got to happen in

Elba, Alabama. We elected five people, five councilmen to run this city. We didn't vote for a dictatorship. After a five minute recess requested by the council, the debate continued. The council voted to reinstate the terminated employees and to release the two temporary department heads hired by the mayor. Those are

the Acting Street Superintendent and Acting Recreation Director. The council then voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor Pro Tem (Bill Brunson) to take whatever legal steps necessary to enforce the actions and/or wishes of the city council.

The meeting was then quickly adjourned.

More leases signed on old city school buildings

By Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba City Council approved leasing parts of the old Elba school complex to four different groups. Mrs. Dolores Fleming was successful in getting a two year lease on the former Junior High wing; Reverend Hiron Williams and The New Abundant Life Deliverance Church a five year lease on the auditorium, two bathrooms and a couple of offices; Ken English received a five year lease on the Elementary school lunchroom and kitchen; a group called Basic Outreach has requested the back part of the "new" wing of the former high school, up to the breezeway. The council indicated they would approve this also when a lease had been prepared.

A lengthy debate erupted during discussion on these leases. Council members expressed concern over the safety of the flood damaged buildings. The motions to lease the facilities included an agreement that the safety of the facilities would be determined before any public use was permitted.

The council approved a \$504.80 bill from Maddox Signs. This was for some trophies and plaques ordered for the Recreation Department a couple of weeks ago, according to the mayor. They also approved payment of attorney fees to the plaintiff lawyers in the redistricting lawsuit. These fees had been ordered by the federal court in the case.

Mrs. Helen McCollough was reappointed to the Elba Housing Authority.

Police Chief Jack Parker reported the department received 34 complaints and issued 16 traffic citations, including four for driving under the influence. There were 19 criminal arrest and three auto accidents investigated. Police officers cited 18 for doing business in the City of Elba without a business license.

The animal control officer picked up 12 dogs. Mayor Ricky Haywood told the council he still didn't know exactly how much extra money would be needed to meet the bond payment due on December 5th. He said he would call city council members on the telephone as soon as he had that number.

Council member Gladys Yelverton asked if a special meeting wouldn't be necessary if there wasn't enough money in the bank to make the payment. Finally Haywood understood her question and said he would call an afternoon or evening meeting if that was necessary.

An operating budget for the city still hasn't been approved. However Brunson passed out copies of a revised budget proposal for council members to consider for the next two weeks. Brunson's proposal doesn't require an additional 12 sales tax (or any tax increase) requested by Haywood.

Mrs. Treva Driscoll, representing the 20th Century Study Club and the Azalea Garden Club, asked several questions about Elba recycling program. She also requested that Elba get into recycling newspapers and other reusable items.

Coffee County Commission ups sheriff's salary \$7,500.00

by Marvin McIlwain
Editor

In Monday's Coffee County Commission meeting, Sheriff Brice Paul was successful in getting commissioners' support on three matters requiring passage of local legislation.

The sheriff's first request was on behalf of the county's two coroners. He asked the commissioners to approve the introduction of a local bill by Representative Jimmy Holley allowing the coroners to appoint a deputy coroner.

At the present time, sheriff's deputies, with the approval of the coroners, have been acting on their behalf in their absence.

After researching the matter, Sheriff Paul was unable to find in the Alabama Code or locally where it was legally within the coroner's authority to appoint a deputy.

With the introduction and passage of local legislation, this will be possible. The commissioners approved the move.

Paul's second request dealt with the sheriff's salary. Presently, Coffee County's sheriff receives an annual salary of \$40,000.00.

The state's constitution sets the sheriff's salary at \$35,000 while local legislation allows for an additional \$5,000.

A sheriff's salary cannot be increased during his present term of office, but an increase can be made with it being paid at the beginning of the next term.

Paul asked that the commissioners give their blessing to local legislation raising the sheriff's salary to \$55,000.00.

Commissioner Sid Averett opposed the raising of the sheriff's salary.

Averett cited other cases where salary increases were mandated by the legislature but no money was forthcoming.

Sheriff Paul's contention was that in order to get a qualified man to run for sheriff, the salary will have to be made attractive.

"A sheriff works 24-hours a day - seven days a week - 365 days a year," said Paul.

After much discussion, the commission compromised and agreed to

Elba W&E Board's finances improve

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The monthly Elba Water & Electric Board was held Monday evening, November 18th. Monthly bills totaling \$29,573 were approved for payment.

The financial statement indicated the cash position has increased from \$167,000 to \$292,000, largely due to a decrease in account receivables.

The Board approved Operations Manager Henry Clark to sign checks.

Clark is authorized to sign payroll checks and to co-sign other checks with Chairman Mickey Murdock. This system had been used satisfactorily with City Clerk Jeff Goodson before he resigned.

Board member Earl McCollough questioned the purchase of 1,000 feet of 6" PVC water pipe. He asked

who authorized installing the pipe out Taylor Mill Road when work officially approved by the board on Herman Drivers Drive still isn't done.

It was agreed that any further water line extensions would be approved by the board.

McCollough also asked if any action had been taken to mark utility owned tools to prevent them from disappearing. He was told this would be done in the near future.

The board voted to increase the charge to cable TV company TCI for

use of city poles from \$4 annually to \$5 annually, the same price paid by the telephone company.

The board approved a revision in the operating budget, cutting salaries from \$425,000 to \$365,000. Murdock explained this was a mistake made by the bookkeeper in including some city employees with the utility employees.

An engineer was hired to oversee a painting project on the water tank located at the Brantley Highway location. Patricia Mitchell will oversee this work.

Elba police arrest local man on four counts of sodomy

An Elba man was arrested Friday morning, November 19, and charged with four (4) Class A felonies.

According to law enforcement officials, William "Bill" Waldon, 57, of Cedar Lane Drive in Elba, was arrested and charged with four counts of sodomy in the first degree.

The arrest came as a result of an investigation that was initiated by the Elba Police Department received a complaint of sodomy and sexual abuse of juveniles.

Elba's investigative division began the investigation into the matter. Upon conviction, 1st degree sodomy is punishable by imprisonment of 10 to 99 years and a fine of not more than \$20,000 in each count.

Waldon was placed in the Coffee County Jail in New Brockton but later released on a \$100,000 bond.

The matter is still under investigation by the Elba police and the 12 Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office.

Elba Tigers travel to Mobile

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba Tigers travel to Mobile Friday (November 26) evening to play the St. Paul's Saints. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

ELBA'S CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL. This year's festival is scheduled for Saturday, December 11, 1993, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The Christmas Parade is set for 5:00 p.m. For more information concerning the parade, contact Ted or Jeanne Vignola at 897-5948 after 4:00 p.m.

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Rebel News Editors Chosen



by Chris Green
"The 'want to' is the number 1 quality in choosing newspaper editors," says Mrs. Rachel Bryan, Rebel 94 and Rebel News sponsor. The recently chosen editors are Bob Simmons and Crystal Whitt.

5th Graders Study Pictography



by Melissa Jones
During their study of early American Indian cultures, the fifth grade students learned about pictography, or picture writing. Pictography has been around for thousands of years and was used in ancient Egypt as well as by the American Indians. The Indians kept records of tribal events through picture writing. Each pictograph, or glyph, was a drawing used to represent events, places, and people. The tribal historian memorized the meaning of each glyph and passed it on, orally, to the next generation. Indian families used pictographs to record stories about events in their life and that of their ancestors.

After their study, each person brought a brown paper sack to school. The sack was cut in the shape of a hide, soaked in water, squeezed out, and flattened to dry. This process made the sack look like a tanned hide. Students were then given a sheet of photographs on their "hides". The students enjoyed trying to read each pictograph story. The "hides" were then displayed outside the classroom. They also made a "teepee" of "hides" using the same process with brown paper sacks. After the teepee was completed, several pictographs were painted on the outside representing tribal events such as buffalo hunts.

Seniors Have Portraits Taken

by Tashaun Neal

On November 16, 1993, the seniors at Zion Chapel High School took their senior portraits. A \$25 sitting fee was required for the students having casuals, drapes, and glamour shots made. A \$10 sitting fee was required from those students having just drapes made. A maximum of four different casual outfits was allowed. The girls had drapes made in burgundy drapes and a white feather drape. They held a red rose. The pictures of the girls in the burgundy drapes will be the portraits that will appear in the annual. The guys had their pictures made in tuxedo shirts, jackets, and a bowtie. These portraits will be the ones that will appear in the annual for the guys.

In addition to the regular senior portraits, Glamour Shots were added. The Glamour Shots offered a variety of props to use in the pictures. Red, blue, green, purple, pink, silver, and gold wrap and matching backgrounds were among the accessories offered. Also offered was a brown leather jacket, a red sequined jacket, a blue silk jacket, and a multi-colored jacket. Jewelry was also provided if a person chose to wear it in the Glamour Shots. Gold and diamond necklaces with matching earrings and diamond bracelets were available. There were two black hats available.

Senior portrait proofs should be back in three to six weeks when a \$35 deposit will be collected to take home the proofs. On the next visit, seniors may order packages for their pictures. Then, after they order, the pictures will take another three to six weeks and will be delivered COD to the home of the students.

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by Bradley Flowers
Seniors at Zion Chapel High School attended Career Day at Elba High School. Mr. Pat Taylor, guidance counselor, was in charge of taking the students to Elba. The students left school at 8:45 a.m. and returned at approximately 10:00 a.m. Among the agencies or institutions represented at Career Day were Wallace College, McArthur State, Air Force ROTC, University of Alabama at Birmingham, University of South Alabama, Auburn University, Mobile University, Livingston University, Jackson University, Troy State University of Troy and Dothan, Enterprise State Junior College, and Auburn Agricultural University.

The seniors were given time to visit representatives of each college and to ask questions concerning their chosen career. Applications were given to the students to complete. Students were given pamphlets about the schools. Career Day helped students learn some things about colleges they did not know, and it gave them a chance to talk to college representatives that they had never talked to before. Career Day gave the students some ideas on what colleges they might attend.

Classes Editor



by Britney Black

Tashaun Neal was chosen as the Classes Editor for Rebel 94. The decision was made by the editors of the yearbook, Laura Brown and Chris Green. Business Manager Chris Hodge contributed to the decision.

The responsibilities of the Classes Editor include making an accurate list of every student name in kindergarten through twelfth. It is the job of the Classes Editor to make sure that every student's picture has been taken for the yearbook. A Classes Editor must also make sure that all the names are spelled correctly, and that the correct name and picture are coupled.

Both classes, juniors and seniors, were given rules that must be followed.



ZC Girls Basketball 1993-94

by Lisa Hodges

The new members of the girls basketball team are Adrienne Cotton, Suzy Bryan, Lisa Hodges, Kimberly Moran, Kim Killingsworth, Nicole Stokes, Courtney Moran, Amanda Wise, Betsy Cole, Sabrina Stokes, Cindy Lagnley, Danielle Richards, Stephanie Nelson, and Wyndi Rugg.

Coach Mark Cole, the coach of the team, evaluated each member on speed, physical condition, skills, attitude, and coach-ability before they were named to the team. The Lady Rebels will take the court for the first time on November 30 in the Rebel gym against Coffee Springs. The game will begin at 5:00.

FBLA Members Attend Leadership Conference

by Crystal Whitt

The 1993 National Fall Leadership Conference was held in Charlotte, North Carolina November 12 - November 13. Three of Zion Chapel's Future Business Leaders of America members, Laura Brown, Suzy Bryan, and Crystal Whitt attended the conference, whose theme was "Team Up With Business". They were accompanied by their advisor, Mrs. Rachel Bryan. There were 3,000 students and advisors representing 13 states including Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia at the conference.

Upon arrival on Friday afternoon, the students and advisors registered and settled in at various hotels. The Opening General Session began Friday night with spirit cheers from each state. This was followed by the introduction of National FBLA and Phi Beta Lambda officers as well as the National Board of Directors for both organizations. Dr. Edward Miller, President and CEO of the National Board of Directors, spoke to the group on projecting a positive attitude, a major goal of the conference. Motivational speaker Patrick Grady was then presented to the 3,000 students and advisors. He spoke to members on being the best that you can be, fulfilling your goals and dreams, standing up for what you believe in, having a positive attitude, and during to be different. A "Be True To Your School" dance finished up the night of motivational speeches.

Saturday was filled with various workshops and a little time to visit various points in the city. There were 67 workshops offered at the conference.

Zion Chapel participated in the workshops "College Life: Get a Grip", "The Real Job Skills", "Body Language", and "Critical Thinking Skills". The workshops began at 8:30 a.m. and lasted until 3 p.m. Students learned how to prepare for the future, to project positive attitudes with good body language, and what to look for and project while searching for jobs or choosing people to help you in the field of business, advisors given pointers on passing all of these qualities on to their students.

In the Closing Session Saturday night, the host committee from North Carolina was recognized and presented plaques. Donna Redmond from the March of Dimes National Youth Council made a brief speech about the help the FBLA and Phi Beta Lambda have given the organization and brought a word of thanks. The largest state and local chapters were recognized as well as the largest chapter in attendance. The guest speaker, Jane Jenkins Herlong, was then introduced and again, a motivational speech was given. Mrs. Herlong's viewpoint was that "You Can Be A VIP". The meeting ended with a slide show looking back on the two days of the conference and the fun and memories that had been made.

Juniors & Seniors Prepare Research Papers

by Tracie Tidwell

The time has come once again for the juniors and seniors to complete research and complete a research paper for English class. Each class is given a specified list of topics from which to choose. The topics are selected according to whether or not the class is advanced or standard.

This year the advanced juniors, like the seniors, must choose a novel as a topic for their paper. They should then choose a certain characterization analysis or an analysis of a particular theme to narrow down the topic. The standard juniors have not yet discussed their papers but the standard seniors must choose a topic that deals with some sort of career search.

Both classes, juniors and seniors, were given rules that must be followed.

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by Gina Bedsole & Cory Driggers

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* * Seniors * *

Of The Week



Pictured above are Christy Houston, Deana Gilford, Derrick Jones, Rudy Free, and Detrech Kyles.

by Robyn Rhoades & Stacy Seay

Christy Houston is the daughter of Donnie and Pam Qualls. She enjoys skating, playing the trumpet, reading, and playing the cymbals in the Marching Band. Christy is a member of SADD and Girl Scouts, and she attends Whitewater Baptist Church.

Deana Gilford is the daughter of Arthur and Martha Gilford and is in the seventh grade. She is a member of EHS Marching Tiger Band where she plays the trumpet. Deana attends the Abundant Life Church of Samson.

Derrick Jones is the son of Gwen Berry and is a freshman at EHS. He enjoys football and baseball, and was recently chosen as a member of the ninth grade basketball team where he plays guard. Derrick is a member of FBLA and attends Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Rudy Free is a sophomore and the son of Rudolph and Hilda Free. He enjoys basketball and baseball, as well as football, where he plays tight end and linebacker. Rudy is a member of FFA, FCA, F-Club, and attends Basin Baptist Church.

Detrech Kyles is the son of Johnny and Jewell Kyles and is a junior. He plays full-back on offense and on defense he plays linebacker. Detrech is a member of FBLA and attends the Enterprise Church of Christ.

GO TIGERS!

LUNCHTIME POLL

by FabReka Tillis & LaShawn Russell

What are your plans for the Thanksgiving holidays?

Dana Stinson: "I plan to spend time with my family and EAT!"

Danille Teas: "I plan to spend time with all my family and have a wonderful Thanksgiving meal cooked by my mother."

Ashley Weeks: "Spend time with all my family and work at the Big Bear."

Amy Palk: "I plan to spend time with my family and a lot of time with my friends. Most of all I plan on enjoying the time away from school and work!"

Heath Wyroslick: "EAT, EAT, and EAT some more!"

Detrech Kyles: "I plan on eating." LaShawn Russell: "Eating and being with my boyfriend."

Mrs. Scarborough: "Slaving over a hot stove, preparing Thanksgiving dinner for my family and enjoying the time we have together."

Margo Gray: "Spending time with my family and friends."

Lisa Williams: "I plan to spend time with my family and especially going to my grandma's house to watch some of her Sony videos. I also plan on having a nice meal to sit down and to enjoy. Also, I plan on giving God thanks for everything he has given me."

Eric Weston: "I plan to go to Aniston with my family, eat, play, and eat some more."

Detrech Kyles: "Being with the folks!"

April Whitfield: "Eat! Even though it doesn't show!"

Melissa Sorrells: "I plan to go to my grandmother's and eat!"

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Woods Assessment Center in Montgomery, Alabama. The session is being offered free of charge and will provide 2.4 continuing education units. For more information about this program, call the Nursing Department at MacArthur State Technical College at 493-3573.

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Pictured above (l to r) are: Christy Houston, Deana Gilford, Derrick Jones, Rudy Free, and Detrech Kyles.

SUPPORT ELBA TIGER FOOTBALL

Mrs. Padgett's eleventh grade advanced English classes went to Montgomery, Wednesday, November 10, 1993, for a Chamber Repertory Theatre production. The CRT is the acclaimed professional touring company from Boston, Massachusetts. This unique production was fully staged with sets, costumes, lighting and sound effects, performed by a cast of versatile and professional actors. It was a tremendous display of theatrical timing, stage business, and special effects. This well-placed production really brought the theatre to life for the students, many of whom had never been to a theatre. The production was on the stage of the Davis Theater in Montgomery, Alabama.

The production featured four American writers whom the advanced students will study this year. It also included one French writer who was studied previously in a survey of world literature. The stories included Edgar Allan Poe's "The Tell Tale Heart" which is a story of the workings of a disordered mind. The mishaps of a gangling school master were brought to life in "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," adapted from Washington Irving's classic tale. Tampering with the forces of fate was examined in "The Monkey's Paw," by W. W. Jacobs. "The Necklace" by Guy de Maupassant explored the dreams of a young woman and had a shattering ending. They concluded with Mark Twain's "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County."

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The True Meaning Of Thanksgiving

by Linda Hodge

Have you ever really thought about what the word "Thanksgiving" means? Over the many years of existence the meaning of this word seems to have escaped from many of our minds. If many people were asked the question above, they would draw a blank and not have an answer. We should be able to automatically offer a meaning for Thanksgiving. For such an important holiday, yet we treat it like just another day. Sure the

family gets together and eats lots of food and watches lots of football; however, if it doesn't have meaning to everyone it's not a real Thanksgiving.

Remember all the history stories of the first Thanksgiving when the Pilgrims and Indians came together to give thanks. The Pilgrims had come to the new land and knew nothing about working the land. The Indians helped them by showing them how to hunt and farm. If it had not been for the Indians, the Pilgrims would not have survived. To show their gratitude to each other, the Pilgrims and the Indians came together on that special day to show their thanks by feasting on

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Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Elementary School held its first ever Fall Festival last weekend and I guarantee you the Mularz kids had a great time. I gave both girls the same amount of money to spend and told them that there would be no more, and while they didn't even ask for more, I had to wonder just how much Melanie really got to do since Melissa was handling both their bank accounts. The move from a Halloween Carnival to a Fall Festival meant no costumes; however, Melanie did leave with her happy little face all painted.

ELBA TIGERS SURVIVE PLAYOFF TRIP TO GADSDEN

Forget what I wrote last week, it was a long ride back to Elba even though we did win the football game!

The Elba Tigers made the journey into hostile territory last Friday night and managed to hold on in the closing minutes of the game to claim a big 20-14 win over a talented Litchfield Eagles squad. The Tigers survived the four-hour bus ride to Gadsden and the long wait before the game, then played as hard as they could for four quarters and survived a late rally to claim the win and advance to the third round of the playoffs. There was nothing easy about the trip, or the win, but the players are all a little wiser after making the trip and should remember the lesson for years to come.

It is a little hard at first to understand how a team that ran the ball 41 times and gained almost seven yards per carry, and also hit on 7 of 9 passes for 89 yards and one touchdown, almost lost a football game Friday night up in Gadsden. However, after checking the play-by-play stats, it jumps out at you that the Elba Tigers almost cost themselves a halfling due to their inability to convert third down situations in key situations late in the game. On their first possession of the second half, Elba moved the football to the Litchfield 37-yardline, but failed to convert on a third down and two and also failed to put any points on the scoreboard. In the fourth quarter, when the game was on the line and the Tigers needed to run time off the clock, the Tigers failed once on a third down and three at the Elba 40 and again on a third down and one at the Elba 31. Had the Tigers converted either of the final two third down plays they could have run out the clock and not had to fight for their lives late in the game, but they failed both times, and it almost proved to be fatal.

Another offensive lapse came in the third quarter after Elba recovered a fumble at the Litchfield 15-yardline and had a chance to put the game away. The Tigers seemed totally out of sync after the recovery, had players on the field in positions that they had never before played, and didn't cash in on the break. The failure to score after the turnover fired up Litchfield and was one of the sparks that they needed to get back in the game.

I'm sure the coaches and players have reviewed the film and now know just why the Tigers failed to convert on the third down situations, and what happened after the fumble recovery, and since the Tigers overcame the mistakes and won the game, it will be chalked up as just a couple of the many, many lessons the young Tiger players have learned during the course of the season.

Now to the game...the Elba running game was expected to have trouble with the quick and aggressive Litchfield defense, but ran almost at will and rolled up almost 300 yards rushing, while averaging almost 7 yards per carry on 41 carries. D.J. Belcher missed a lot of the regular season with nagging injuries, but he is hitting his stride in the playoffs and Friday night gained 173 yards and made the Tigers' stable of backs. Belcher ran hard and low, and once again displayed excellent speed in having a number of runs that went for good yardage. Roscoe Coleman had his best game of the year at fullback, and "Rock" never shied away from contact, even though he knew he was going to get hit hard on every single carry. The running game was effective and much of the success went to the line, which more than held its own against the big Litchfield front wall. The linemen included four juniors and a sophomore, but the youngsters are now vets and it showed Friday night.

Keith Grantham was a little rusty in the playoff opener, but Friday night hit on six of eight passes for 70 yards, and one of his misses was right on target, just not caught. Grantham was a major part of the offense early in the year with his passing, but Friday night used the pass to help slow down the defensive charge of Litchfield, and did it well.

Josh Caldwell caught three passes in the win and made some outstanding catches on short patterns, but I'm sure all he's been talking about was his TD pass to Che Vaughan. Caldwell has been throwing the football since he was a manager, and Friday night tossed a perfect pass on a fake reverse for a big, big score. Yes, Josh can probably play catch all by himself.

The defense scrapped all night long and in spite of giving up a lot of yardage, buckled the chumps a little tighter when it got in trouble and did what it took to win. The defense had some big stands during the game, but none bigger than the one late in the game when Litchfield had a second down and five at the Elba 14-yardline. The defense stopped a run on second down and then knocked down two passes to preserve the win. It wasn't easy, but the defense once again did its job, and did it well.

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SURPRISES STILL AROUND IN PREP PLAYOFFS

The second round of the prep playoffs was held Friday night and as usual there were a number of upsets. Here are just a few...

CLASS 6A: The Enterprise Wildcats were cautiously and quietly optimistic last week before their game against two-time defending state champ Robert E. Lee, and Friday night pulled off the upset of the season when they stunned the Generals 21-14. Enterprise was banged up in the middle of the season and lost some games, but never made any excuses and simply worked harder to get back to the top. They aren't there yet, but they certainly leaped over a major hurdle Friday night.

CLASS 5A: Valley had been eliminated from the playoffs the past two years by Blount, but Friday night outscored the defending state champs 30-29 and earned the right to advance. Valley has one of the top football programs in the state under Coach Robert Maddox and it is always good when one of the really "good guys" in coaching can lead his team to a big upset.

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CLASS 4A: Desher struggled to a 6-3 record during the regular season and escaped with a 20-14 win over Brooks in its playoff opener, but Friday night put it all together and shocked (9-2) Halesville to the tune of 56-0. Desher won the state title a couple of years ago over T.R. Miller and then lost to Miller the following years in the finals. It looks like at least for one night Desher regained that state championship magic.

CLASS 3A: I guess the folks in Birmingham are "Upset" about the way Southern Choctaw manhandled Branwood Christian 64-14. The Indians were called the "best 3A team ever" in a newspaper article last week and Friday night went out to show everyone just how good they were. Southern Choctaw has the talent to win state titles in a couple of classes, but running up a big win over an outmatched opponent won't win you any respect.

CLASS 2A: McIntosh struggled against a tough schedule during the regular season and was somewhat of a joke when it carried a 4-6 record into the playoffs. No one is laughing anymore, because the Demons have now won two straight and Friday night stunned (10-1) Trinity 28-7 down in the swamps. McIntosh is still not a team to fear, but it has gotten everyone's attention.

CLASS 1A: The Arion Purple Cats were supposed to be in for a rough year after an 0-2 start, but the losses to Brantley and Goshen were simply tough tests early in the year and it now looks like the Purple Cats have learned their lessons well, especially after last week's 15-12 win over Carrollton. The Purple Cats have won 10 straight and may just be looking to take the test against Brantley over again.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR LIMPS INTO THIRD ROUND

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator was in a bad mood Saturday night when he stopped by to drop off the playoff pickins for the week. He was upset about last week's 16-8 record, which left him at 329-68 for the year, and also fussing about how the new brackets in the playoffs must have been drawn up by people that own gas stations. This week's pickins don't get any easier, so, maybe the local guesstest will survive and make it through two more weeks of action.

This week there are three rematches among the playoffs pairings, as Opelika tries to gain revenge over an earlier 14-13 loss to Enterprise, Berry hopes to repay Shades Valley for a 21-7 setback, and Escambia County looks to get back at Greenville for a 21-7 loss. Only time will tell, but anything is possible. After all, last week Dora paid Guntersville back for a 20-17 loss by eliminating the 5A squad 17-10.

SPORTS



COACH MACK WOOD

Elba Junior Tigers drop season opener to Opp

The Elba Junior High Tigers opened their basketball season on a losing note last week when they fell to Opp Junior 37-31, in Opp. The Junior Tigers trailed only 6-5 after one quarter and 13-9 at half-time, but saw Opp pull out to a 25-13 lead in the third quarter and hold on for the win.

Wesley Johnson and Derrick Daniels both scored 9 points to lead Elba, while Jay Jackson scored 9 for Opp.

Opp (37): Farmer 8, Norris 6, Jackson 9, Black 8, Jennings 4, Burgess 2.

Elba (31): Mack 3, Marsh 4, Daniels 9, Peterson 6, Johnson 9.

(8TH GRADE)
Opp outscored Elba 22-11 in the final quarter to rally and defeat Elba 21-14.

Kinston Junior Bulldogs sweep Elba Junior Tigers

The Elba Junior High Tigers saw their record slip to 0-2 last week when they fell to Kinston 35-30, in Kinston.

Elba jumped ahead early and led 7-3 at the end of the first quarter, but hit only 7 of 20 free-throws in the game and saw Kinston rally for the win.

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Kinston (35): Carney 9, Ward 7, Edwards 9, Patterson 4, Osborn 2, Farris 2, Reeves 2.

Elba (31): Tillis 9, Johnson 6, Marsh 6, Daniels 5, Hill 4.

(8TH GRADE)
The Elba 8th graders saw their record dip to 0-2 with a 37-34 loss to Kinston, in overtime.

Elba owned a slim 17-16 lead after three quarters, but saw Kinston rally to put the game into overtime and then pull away for the win.

Kinston (37): Bowdoin 10, Osborn 13, Edwards 2, Nobles 7, Scay 5.

Oh well, here are the picks for playoff week #3...

ELBA VS. ST. PAUL'S

If you want to win the state championship in Class 3A you have to beat St. Paul's. For the last two years St. Paul's has been eliminated in the playoffs by the eventual state champs, and this year the Saints are predicting that it is the year they do the eliminating. Maybe so, but the Elba Tigers are too young to know all the history lessons and leave their marks on the field!

ELBA 23 ST. PAUL'S 17

ENTERPRISE VS. OPELIKA

The Wildcats are back at full strength and ready to move on in the playoffs after taking out Robert E. Lee. Enterprise whipped Opelika when the Cats were banged up and now that they are well...Opelika will be the one banged up!

ENTERPRISE 21 OPELIKA 0

BRANTLEY VS. J.U. BLACKSHER

The Bulldogs proved me wrong last week and now appear to have smooth sailing into the finals against Courtland. There are no sure things in sports, just ask the Brantley basketball team that lost to Kinston in the area tournament several years ago after going undefeated in the regular season. No more reminders needed!

BRANTLEY 34 J.U. BLACKSHER 6

OTHER PICKS:

Central, Phenix City 28 Benjamin Russell 10

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Shades Valley 10 Berry 8

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Greenview 14 Escambia County 7

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Hazelwood 28 Hale County 6

Horton 27 Cold Springs 7

Natusauga 26 Arion 15

Courtland 21 Talladega Central 13

Southern Choctaw 45 Glencoe 0

West Jefferson 20 Meek 19

Elba Tigers hope to repeat playoff success Friday against St. Paul's

The Elba Tigers will take their "Traveling Playoff Show" on the road again this week when they make the long trip to Mobile to battle the St. Paul's Saints, in the third round of the Class 3A football playoffs.

Elba advanced to the third round with a 20-14 win last week over Litchfield, while St. Paul's advanced with a 41-28 win over Holtville. The same two teams met a year ago in round two of the playoffs and Elba posted a hardfought 16-10 win. However, all last year's state championship squad.

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have claimed wins over Slocomb 35-13 and Litchfield 20-14.

The Elba offense has begun to jell in the post-season party, and led by the running of D.J. Belcher, has rolled up over 300 yards in offense in both wins.

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The Elba ground game has gained a total 558 yards on 80 carries in the playoffs, an average of almost seven-yards per carry, and reached the endzone six times.

Quarterback Keith Grantham has also picked up the pace in the playoffs, as the senior has hit on 9 of 16 passes for 98 yards and one touchdown.

Junior tight-end Cory Howe has been the main target in post-season play with 3 catches for 66 yards, and senior Josh Caldwell has caught 3 passes for 22 yards.

The Elba defense was almost invulnerable late in the regular season, but has had some big stands during the game, but none bigger than the one late in the game when Litchfield had a second down and five at the Elba 14-yardline. The defense stopped a run on second down and then knocked down two passes to preserve the win. It wasn't easy, but the defense once again did its job, and did it well.

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College Corner

By Phillip Miles, Sports writer

Auburn's win over Alabama capped off an amazing season for the folks up on the plains. Nobody thought Auburn would have a winning season in '93 back when the experts were making their predictions in August. However, Coach Terry Bowden took a talented team that was hungry for fun after the Eric Ramsey scandal and focused the players on what football was all about - having fun and hitting folks! Coach Bowden may be cocky, but he and his staff are to be commended for the job they did, and if he doesn't get 1 hit on 6 of 10 picks last week and now stand at 85-45 for the season, which is down to sixty-five percent. I'm proud of my upset pick of West Virginia over Miami, but can't believe that Notre Dame and Ohio State lost. The losses to the top teams last week have the Bowden people scratching their heads, not to mention the college fans. One thing does seem certain, that if Alabama loses to Florida the Tide will be headed to Jacksonville for the Gator Bowl. Also, Tennessee is going to the Citrus Bowl to meet Penn State.

Now, this week's picks...

Florida 28 Florida State 24, Tennessee 35 Vanderbilt 0, Georgia 31 Ga. Tech 24, Ole Miss 21 Miss State 20, LSU 23 Arkansas 21, West Virginia 29 Boston College 26, Penn State 17 Michigan State 14, Miami 30 Memphis State 21, Nebraska 28 Oklahoma 25 and Texas A & M 27 Texas 17.

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Brantley's Mareo Jones (3) looks for running room outside as a Billingsley defender comes up to attempt a tackle. Brantley hosts J.U. Blacksher Friday night in third round action.



SO LONG! Brantley's Frederick Upshaw (25) heads for the endzone with the Bulldogs' final score of the night in last week's 27-8 win over Billingsley.

Brantley Bulldogs bite Billingsley 27-8

By Greg Brunson, Sports writer

The Brantley Bulldogs made the long trip to Billingsley last Friday night and showed everyone in attendance why they are the #2 ranked team in the state in 1A circles as they used a swarming defense to hand the defending state champion Billingsley Bears a 27-8 whipping.

The Bulldog defense, which has been one of the state's best throughout the season, forced five turnovers in the second round playoff battle and held the explosive Bears to only eight points, in leading the way to the big win.

Jonathan Billups claimed the first fumble recovery for Brantley on the game's opening kickoff at the Billingsley 49-yardline, and set up the first score of the night for the visiting Bulldogs.

Behind the strong running of Charlie Layton, Brantley mounted a 10-play drive that reached the Billingsley endzone. The touchdown came on a 13-yard run by Derek Caldwell on an option, and Austin Cauley booted the extra-point to give Brantley a 7-0 lead with 7:11 still remaining in the opening stanza.

After an exchange of punts, Billingsley put the ball in play at its own 20-yardline and promptly began a 13-play drive that would reach the Bulldog 3-yardline. The Bulldog defense stiffened as the Bears got close, however, and sacked the Billingsley quarterback twice in three

plays to stop the threat. Brantley couldn't punch the ball out of their own end of the field and on fourth down attempted to punt, only to have Billingsley's J.J. Parker break through and block the punt, which rolled out of bounds at the Brantley 3-yardline.

Will Smith scored on the next play for the Bears, and the two-point conversion was successful when Paul Campbell's pass was tipped by Derek Caldwell and Jimmy Burnett, before being caught by Smith in the endzone. The conversion gave Billingsley an 8-6 lead with 2:30 left in the second quarter.

Billingsley's Will Smith recovered a Brantley fumble only two plays later to put the Bears in business at the Bulldog 16-yardline, and a pass from Campbell to Parker quickly moved the Bears to the Brantley five. Billingsley reached the two-yardline on a 3-yard gain by Smith, but on the final play of the half Brantley's Charlie Layton hit Smith as he attempted a halfback pass and Patrick Hill recovered for the Bulldogs.

Brantley recovered another Billingsley fumble midway through the third quarter and returned the bobble all the way to the Billingsley 5-yardline.

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TOUCHDOWN TIGERS! Elba's Che Vaughan (10) pulls in a pass from Josh Caldwell (82) for a fourth quarter touchdown. Elba dumped Litchfield 20-14 to advance to third round action.



FOLLOW ME! Elba's D.J. Belcher (44) follows teammate Che Vaughan (10) upfield against the Litchfield defense. Belcher gained 173 yards in the second round Class 3A playoff win.

Elba eliminates Litchfield 20-14

By Ricki Mulaz, Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers made their long trip to Gadsden one to remember last week as they jumped out to an early two-touchdown lead and held on late to down the Litchfield Eagles 20-14, in the second round of the 3A football playoffs.

The win improved the Tigers' record to 7-4 and moved Elba into the third round against St. Paul's, while Litchfield saw its final record slip to 6-5.

Litchfield received the opening kick and quickly moved to a first down at the Elba 34-yardline behind the running of Xavier Doughard. The Tiger defense stiffened, however, and after three plays netted minus five yards, the Tigers began their first series at their own 16-yardline following a 31-yard Eagles punt.

A 15-yard gain by D.J. Belcher on first down got the Tigers out of the hole, and two plays later Keith Grantham lofted a 32-yard pass to Cory Howe to give Elba a first down at the Litchfield 41-yardline.

An 8-yard pass from Grantham to Josh Caldwell on a third down and five gave the Tigers a first down at the Eagles 13-yardline, and on the next play Grantham kept on an option and sprinted 13 yards for the first touchdown of the night.

Che Vaughan added the extra-point and with 3:19 left in the first quarter the Tigers had moved on top 7-0.

The Elba offense got the ball right back on another Litchfield punt and this time marched 54 yards in seven plays to add to its lead.

A 7-yard gain by D.J. Belcher on third down and five was a key play early in the drive, while another big play was a pass interference penalty against Litchfield that gave the Tigers a first down at the Eagles 28-yardline.

An 18-yard scamper by Roscoe Coleman got the Tigers in close, and two plays later D.J. Belcher swept in around the left side from 7 yards out to put the Tigers back in the endzone.

Che Vaughan's extra-point was again true, giving the Tigers a 14-0 lead with 9:13 still left in the second quarter.

Elba began its third possession of the game at its own 28-yardline following a 41-yard punt by the Eagles, and once again headed toward the Litchfield endzone.

Elba moved to a first down at the Litchfield 43-yardline behind the running of Roscoe Coleman and Chris Tyson, but saw a long pass intercepted inside the Eagles 10-yardline, and at the half the Tigers went in still holding a 14-0 advantage.

Elba received the second half kick and again started a drive that would carry the Tigers into scoring territory.

The Tigers started the possession at their own 33-yardline and behind the running of D.J. Belcher and the passing of Keith Grantham moved across midfield to a first down at the Litchfield 45-yardline. The Tigers failed to pick up the first down after crossing midfield; however, and punted the ball for the first time in the game.

Litchfield began the ensuing series at its own 15-yardline, but kept

the football for only one play, as on first down a pichout was mishandled and Elba's Josh Caldwell recovered the fumble to put the Tigers back in business at the Eagles 15-yardline.

The Elba offense had a chance to blow the game open following the turnover, however, this time the Tigers failed to gain a yard on three plays and came away empty-handed when Che Vaughan's 34-yard field-goal sailed wide right.

Litchfield was down by two touchdowns, but the defensive stand seemed to give the Eagles new life, and Litchfield stunned the Tigers by driving 80 yards in only 9 plays to cut into the Elba lead.

Brian Kinney had a big 26-yard scamper in the drive, while the star of the march was Xavier Doughard, who gained 32 yards on five carries and got the touchdown on a one-yard plunge. Derrick Moore added the extra-point and with 2:05 left in the third quarter Elba's lead was down to 14-7.

The sudden Litchfield score woke the Eagles' fans, but it also woke up the Tigers, who took the ensuing kick and marched 65 yards in five plays to regain command.

A 37-yard run by D.J. Belcher was a key play in the scoring march, while the touchdown came when wide-receiver Josh Caldwell took a handoff on an apparent reverse, but pulled up and passed to Che Vaughan for a 19-yard TD toss. The extra-point try was blocked, leaving the Tigers with a 20-7 lead with 11:54 remaining in the game.

Litchfield's Jamal Thomas received the ensuing kick at the Eagles 10-yardline, sprinted up the middle of the field and then broke a tackle near midfield as he went 90 yards for a Litchfield score. Moore again hit the p.a.t. and with 11:41 left in the game the Tigers were still on top, but by a score of only 20-14.

Litchfield appeared to have the momentum later in the stanza when Brian Kinney returned an Elba punt 50 yards to the Elba 28-yardline, but this time the Tiger defense was up to the task and got the ball back when Che Vaughan pounced on a fumble at the Tiger 22.

The Eagles stopped Elba on a third down and one on the Tigers next possession, and after a 38-yard punt, put the ball in play at the Elba 46-yardline with 4:35 left in the game.

Litchfield quickly moved to a first down at the Elba 19-yardline behind the running of Brian Kinney and Xavier Doughard; however, the Tiger defense again stiffened, and with 1:25 left on the clock Litchfield was facing a fourth down and five at the 14-yardline.

The Eagles attempted a short pass to the tight-end on the crucial fourth down play, but linebacker Derrick Kyles broke up the short pass and Elba regained possession at the Tiger 14-yardline with 1:21 left, needing only to run out the clock, and did just that as D.J. Belcher ripped off a 61-yard run to ice the 20-14 win for the Tigers.

D.J. Belcher gained 173 yards on 17 carries to lead the Elba ground game, while Roscoe Coleman added 65 yards on 12 totes. Xavier Doughard gained 89 yards on 12 carries for Litchfield.

Josh Caldwell caught 3 passes for 22 yards and tossed a 19-yard touchdown pass to highlight the Tigers' aerial assault, and quarterback Keith Grantham hit on 6 of 8 passes for 70 yards, with Cory Howe pulling in 2 catches for 42 yards.

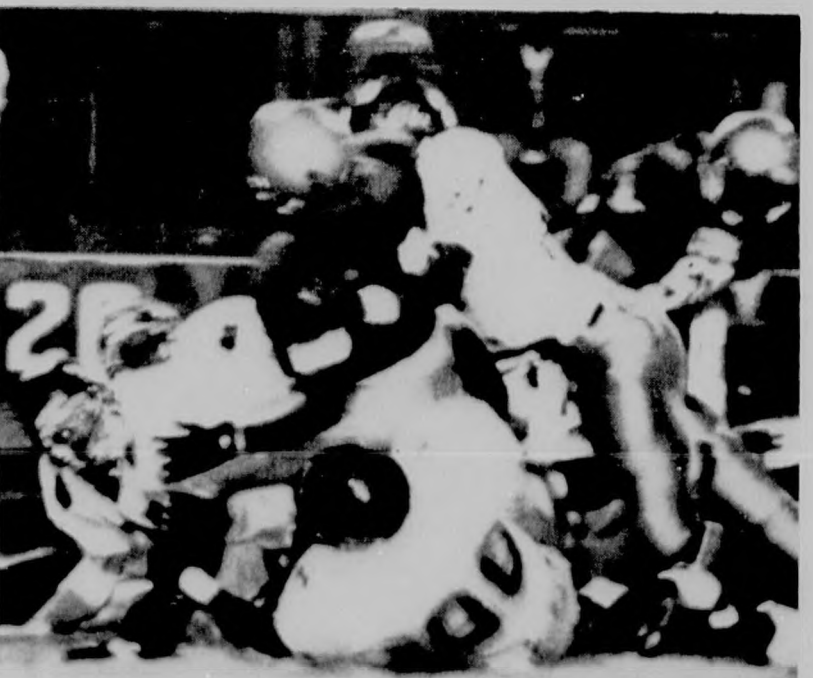
Mott Barnes made 9 tackles and had 1 assist to lead the Elba defense, while Roscoe Coleman added 7 solo stops and Bo Boyd made 5 stops and 1 assist.

STATISTICS

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17	1st Downs	9
41-272	Rushes-Yds.	33-179
89	Passing Yds.	6
361	Total Offense	182
7-9-1	Passes	3-8-0
2/0	Fumbles/Lost	4/2
3-34	Punts-Ave.	4-35
2-10	Penalties-Yds.	4-25



TOUCHDOWN BOUND! Elba quarterback Keith Grantham (14) heads for the endzone to give the Tigers an early lead in Friday night's 20-14 playoff win over Litchfield.



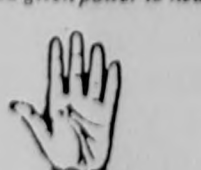
NOT THIS TIME! The Elba defense makes a big hit during Friday night's action. Making the stop are Demaris Barnes (72), Bo Boyd (75) and Jason Holley (83).

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Three state champs ousted in second round of playoffs

The Alabama High School Athletic Association's "State Football Playoffs" will reach the third round this week with only three of last season's state champions still in the hunt to defend their titles.

Daleville (4A), Elba (3A) and Hazlewood (2A) all remained alive last week with second round wins, but Robert E. Lee (6A), Blount (5A) and Billingsley (1A) all saw their title hopes die.

Following is a complete list of results from second round action:

CLASS 6A

Opelika 21 Shaw 14

Enterprise 21 R.E. Lee 14

Central, PC 34 LeFlore 13

Benjamin Russell 13 N'view 10

Vestavia 17 H'Trussville 16

West End 20 Ausin 0

Berry 23 Huffman 17

Shades Valley 22 Decatur 8

CLASS 5A

Valley 30 Blount 29

Chocow 32 Demopolis 7

Escambia Co. 28 Eufraila 7

Greenville 27 Hillscrest 8

Dora 17 Guntersville 10

Oxford 19 Russellville 18

Wenonah 6 Ft. Payne 3

Etowah 14 Hartselle 11

CLASS 4A

T.R. Miller 26 Lanett 6

Winfield 21 Lamar Co. 0

CLASS 3A

Clatsop 21 Leeds 6

Dadeville 27 Beauregard 13

Daleville 28 Ashford 0

Desha 20 Brooks 14

Fayette Co. 33 Fairview 16

Greensboro 36 Dallas Co. 24

Haleyville 13 Hayden 6

Lanett 22 Handley 8

Midfield 19 Munford 14

N. Jackson 39 Cherokee Co. 0

Piedmont 20 Sylva 6

Pike Co. 26 Abbeville 0

Sheffield 49 E. Lawrence 6

Sumter Co. 32 Montevallo 15

T.R. Miller 21 Clarke Co. 12

W.S. Neal 41 Thomasville 0

CLASS 2A

Autaugaville 14 Springville 6

Clay County 20 Sand Rock 14

Cold Springs 13 Geraldine 6

Geneva Co. 34 Samson 6

Georgiana 40 Wicksburg 0

Greenville 30 Elkmont 6

Leroy 20 Flomaton 15

McIntosh 12 Excel 7

Opelika 21 Shaw 14

Shades Valley 42 Enley 7

Shaw 24 Theodore 14

Vestavia 15 Jess Lanier 12

West End 27 Mt. Brook 0

Pike Co. 27 Sumter Co. 12

Dadeville 20 W.S. Neal 7

Daleville 35 Greensboro 14

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Piedmont 24 Midfield 14

N. Jackson 28 Cleburne Co. 2

Fayette Co. 14 Sheffield 11

CLASS 1A

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Prep playoffs down to "Elite 8" in all classes

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Following are third round pairings in all classifications:

CLASS 6A - Opelika (8-4) at Enterprise (9-3), Benjamin Russell (9-3) at Central of Phenix City (11-1), Vestavia Hills (9-2) at West End (11-1) and Shades Valley (11-1) at Berry (10-2)

CLASS 5A - Valley (8-4) at Chocow County (10-2), Escambia County (9-2) at Greenville (11-1), Dora (10-2) at Oxford (11-0) and Wenonah (6-5) at Etowah (11-1).

CLASS 4A - T.R. Miller (9-3) at Pike County (10-2), Daleville (10-2) at Daleville (10-1), Piedmont (9-3) at Desha (8-3) and North Jackson (11-1) at Fayette County (10-2).

CLASS 3A - Southern Chocow (11-0) at Glencoe (8-4), Elba (7-4) at St. Paul's (10-2), Colbert County (8-4) at Plainview (9-3) and Vincemont (11-1) at Central of Florence (9-3).

CLASS 2A - Leroy (12-0) at Georgiana (12-0), St. Clair County (12-0) at McIntosh (6-6), Hale County (10-2) at Hazlewood (10-2) and Cold Springs (9-3) at Hatton (9-2).

CLASS 1A - J.U. Blacksher (6-5) at Brantley (12-0), Notasulga (11-1) at Attala County Central (10-2) at Courtland (10-0) and West Jefferson (9-3) at Meek (9-3).

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